

STATEMENT OF PURPOSE

RS19613

This legislation solves a longstanding conflict within the naturopathic community. It repeals the previous act and establishes clear guidelines for the education and training of naturopathic physicians.

It provides that:

1. Those who have been practicing natural health care services can continue to practice under the Smith ruling (air, heat, water, light) without regulation.
2. Those who have graduated from USDE accredited schools will be licensed under the provisions of the bill.
3. Those licensed MD's, DO's and DC's who can document naturopathic medical training and/or experience have the opportunity to take additional education and thereafter obtain a license. The additional education would be provided by USDE accredited schools or AMA approved education.
4. The act will sunset in 2015, unless continued by the legislature/

FISCAL NOTE

There is not a fiscal impact to the general fund. However, this legislation attempts to close a pending lawsuit which could save the IBOL and the state money.

Contact:

Name: Roy Eiguren

Office: Idaho Association of Naturopathic Physicians

Phone: (208) 947-7252